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Re: Comments on draft Repository Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement and  
draft Nevada Rail Corridor/Alignment Environmental Impact Statement

Dear Ms. Summerson and Mr. Bishop,

1 [Yucca Mountain has been and continues to be a sacred and beloved site for thousands of years to the Native Shoshone tribes. It is an herb gathering site, for rituals, and is a part of their stories. It's time we stopped robbing native peoples of their land – hasn't 500+ years of thievery been enough! These people have a legal right to their land and to live on land that is free from hazardous nuclear waste!] ... *continued below*

2 [A nuclear waste repository at Yucca Mountain is illegal and in violation of human rights. I understand that there is ongoing litigation involving the United States' violation of the 1863 Treaty of Ruby Valley with the Western Shoshone which clearly defines territorial borders for their nation of Newe Sogobia as well outside the proposed land withdrawal. This treaty was fully ratified by Congress, and is legally "the supreme law of the land". In April of 2004, the United Nation's Committee to End Racial Discrimination upheld the Shoshone claim in a record decision, and their declaration clearly identifies the Yucca Mountain Repository as one of several ongoing serious human rights violations by the United States against the Western Shoshone Nation.]

... 1 [Geologists say that there are thirteen different fault lines running through it. How can this be in the best interest of  
*Continued* Public safety. Clearly this would be a reckless & immoral act if carried out!  
There are serious risks associated with the 'disposing' and transportation of nuclear waste. One of the most deadly waste materials on earth, nuclear waste should be stored on-site, in retrievable casks, and not transported across the country. The impacts of such an action will be devastating physically, and spiritually for the communities there.  
It is wrong to take actions that will contaminate their drinking water as well as their health and the health of future generations. People who live near nuclear waste have higher incidents of cancers & other diseases. Tell me – would you want to live there?  
Then don't force the Shoshone people too. Is it OK because they're just Indians??? I

strongly

Urge you to stop the illegal assault on the people of Yucca mountain & find a more responsible way to

Dispose of this deadly material that had no business being taken from the earth in the first place! )

Sincerely,

Kathy Williams

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